

**Protocol on the Sixth Meeting
of the Finnish-Israeli Joint Sub-Committee
for Cooperation in the Youth Field
Finland, 21.-24.3.2010**

The Joint Sub-Committee for Youth Exchange held its sixth meeting in Finland on 21-24 March, 2010. The Sub-Committee was established on the basis of the Cultural Agreement (signed on April 1985) between the Governments of the Republic of Finland and the State of Israel and the Programme on Cultural, Educational and Scientific Cooperation, which is implemented by the Finnish-Israeli Mixed Commission on Cultural, Educational and Scientific Cooperation. The list of the delegations to the meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee is attached in an appendix.

The meeting:

- heard a report of youth exchange situation in Israel;
- heard a report of youth policy situation in Finland;
- discussed current trends in international youth policy;
- evaluated the implementation of the programme which started at 2006; and
- agreed on themes for the future cooperation

During the cooperation period starting 2010, the parties will exchange groups of young people and youth work experts. The areas of priority in these exchanges are:

- **Exchange of information in the new trends, experiences and best practises in the field of state youth policy and youth work**
- **Promotion of young people's active citizenship and social empowerment by supporting the International Award Programme for Young People and other organizations working in the field of youth**
- **Enhancing bilateral partnerships among Finnish & Israeli stakeholders within the framework of the European programmes (Youth in Action and Euro Med Youth programme) focusing on Education, Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship**

The experiences gained from cooperation in these priority areas will be assessed at the next meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee.

The parties may jointly agree on changes in or additions to the priority areas mentioned above.

The parties will jointly agree on the responsible organisation that will communicate and act with each other directly. The language of correspondence is English. The hosting side will take initiative for the practical implementation of the visits.

The parties recommend that the responsible organisation brief their delegations prior to departure about the culture and current affairs of the hosting country. The host country will provide material for the briefing of delegations.

With regard to the financing of the actions, it was agreed that:

- The visiting side will pay for the cost of travel to and from the host country, including necessary insurance;
- The hosting side will pay for the cost of the programme including accommodation and meals during the visit.

Each party will provide information for the other side about the international meetings in their country to which the other party may send its representative on terms to be agreed separately in each case.

The next meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee will be held in Israel in 2012.

This protocol has been written in English, and it will be put at the disposal of the Mixed Commission on Culture, Education and Scientific Cooperation.

Finland, 23 March 2010

**On behalf of the
Israeli side**



**Mr. Naftali Dery
Israel Youth Exchange Council**

**On behalf of the
Finnish side**



**Mr. Olli Saarela
Director for Youth Affairs
Ministry of Education**

Appendix 1

Israeli Delegation

Mr. Naftali Dery - General Secretary of the Council of Youth Movements in Israel
Ms. Ariella Gill - Project Director, Israel Youth Exchange Council

Finnish Delegation

Mr Olli Saarela, Director, Ministry of Education
Ms Sanna Puura, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Education
Ms Heini Röyskö, Secretary for International Relations, Ministry of Education

Annex 2 :Working plan

The parties agreed on the following exchanges:

2010

- International Environmental Youth Leadership Convention in Israel, August 20/27 2010

2011

- Finnish youth workers delegation to Israel (1 week, 4-5 persons)
- International Environmental Youth Leadership Convention in Israel
- International -40 Camp in Kemi, Finland (Avartti, Kemi), March 2011

2012

- Israeli youth workers delegation to Finland (1 week, 4-5 persons)
- International Environmental Youth Leadership Convention in Israel
- Reciprocal invitation to Finland, international convention (to be confirmed later)